and in such cases such service shall be without regard to the civil-service and classification laws, and except in the case of stenographic reporting services by organizations, without regard to section 5 of title 41.

(c) Utilization of personnel of other Federal agencies

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 973 of title 10 or of any other provision of law, the Administrator in carrying out the functions imposed upon him by this Act is authorized to utilize in his agency the services of officials, officers, and other personnel in other executive agencies, including personnel of the armed services, with the consent of the head of the agency concerned.

(June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title II, § 208, 63 Stat. 391; Sept. 5, 1950, ch. 849, § 7(b), (c), 64 Stat. 590.)

References in Text

The civil-service laws, referred to in subsecs. (a) and (b), are set forth in Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. See, particularly, section 3301 et seq. of Title 5.

The classification laws, referred to in subsecs. (a) and (b), are classified generally to chapter 51 (§5101 et seq.) and to subchapter III (§5331 et seq.) of chapter 53 of Title 5.

This Act, referred to in text, is act June 30, 1949, ch. 288, 63 Stat. 377, as amended, known as the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949. For complete classification of this Act, including titles I, II, III, V and VI thereof, see Short Title note set out under section 471 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (c), "section 973 of title 10" substituted for "sections 3544 and 8544 of title 10" on authority of Pub. L. 90–235, §4(a)(5), (6), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 759. Previously, "sections 3544 and 8544 of title 10" had been substituted for "section 1222 of the Revised Statutes (10 U.S.C. 576)" on authority of act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, §49(b), 70A Stat. 640, the first section of which enacted Title 10, Armed Forces.

Section was formerly classified to section 630h of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, §1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

Section was also formerly classified to section 238 of Title 41, Public Contracts.

AMENDMENTS

1950—Subsecs. (a), (b). Act Sept. 5, 1950, substituted "V, and VI of this Act" for "and V of this Act".

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions, powers, and duties of Office of Audits and Office of Investigations in General Services Administration transferred to Office of Inspector General in General Services Administration by section 9(a)(1)(K) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95–452, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, section 2 of which established such Office of Inspector General.

DEFINITIONS

The definitions in section 472 of this title apply to this chapter.

CROSS REFERENCES

Employment of experts and consultants generally, see section 3109 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 752 of this title.

§ 759. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-106, div. E, title LI, § 5101, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 680

Section, act June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, \S 111, as added Oct. 30, 1965, Pub. L. 89–306, 79 Stat. 1127; amended 1970 Reorg. Plan No. 2, \S 102, eff. July 1, 1970, 35 F.R. 7959, 84 Stat. 2085; July 18, 1984, Pub. L. 98–369, div. B, title VII, \S 2713(a), 98 Stat. 1182; Nov. 8, 1985, Pub. L. 99–145, title IX, \S 961(c), title XIII, \S 1304(c)(1), 99 Stat. 703, 742; Oct. 18, 1986, Pub. L. 99–500, \S 101(m) [title VIII, \S 821(b)(1), 822–825], 100 Stat. 1783–308, 1783–342 to 1783–344, and Oct. 30, 1986, Pub. L. 99–591, \S 101(m) [title VIII, \S 821(b)(1), 822–825], 100 Stat. 3341–308, 3341–342 to 3341–344; Jan. 8, 1988, Pub. L. 100–235, \S 4, 101 Stat. 1728; Oct. 29, 1992, Pub. L. 102–572, title IX, \S 902(b)(1), 106 Stat. 4516; Oct. 13, 1994, Pub. L. 103–355, title I, \S 1431–1439, title X, \S 10005(f)(3), 108 Stat. 3291–3295, 3409, related to procurement, maintenance, operation, and utilization of automatic data processing equipment and provided that section be cited as the "Brooks Automatic Data Processing Act".

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective 180 days after Feb. 10, 1996, see section 5701 of Pub. L. 104–106, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1401 of this title.

§ 760. Federal information centers

(a) Establishment

The Administrator is authorized to establish within the General Services Administration a nationwide network of Federal information centers for the purpose of providing the public with information about the programs and procedures of the Federal Government and for other appropriate and related purposes.

(b) Rules and regulations

The Administrator is authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary to the functioning of the Federal information centers.

(c) Authorization of appropriations

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated \$7,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980, and such sums as may be necessary for each succeeding fiscal year for carrying out the purposes of this section.

(June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, §112, as added Oct. 20, 1978, Pub. L. 95–491, §2(a), 92 Stat. 1641.)

SHORT TITLE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 95-491, §1, Oct. 20, 1978, 92 Stat. 1641, provided: "That this Act [enacting this section] may be cited as the 'Federal Information Centers Act'."

§ 761. Consumer Information Center Fund, General Services Administration

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, there is hereby established in the Treasury of the United States a Consumer Information Center Fund, General Services Administration, for the purpose of disseminating Federal Government consumer information to the public and for other related purposes. There shall be deposited into the fund for fiscal year 1983 and subsequent fiscal years: (A) Appropriations from the general funds of the Treasury for Consumer Information Center activities; (B) User fees from the public; (C) Reimbursements from other Federal agencies for costs of distributing publications; and (D) Any other income incident to

Consumer Information Center activities, Moneys deposited into the fund shall be available for expenditure for Consumer Information Center activities in such amounts as are specified in appropriation Acts. Any unobligated balances at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall be available for authorization in appropriation Acts for subsequent fiscal years. This fund shall assume all the liabilities, obligations, and commitments of the said Consumer Information Center account. The revenues and collections deposited into the fund shall be available for necessary expenses of Consumer Information Center activities in the amount of \$5,415,000 during fiscal year 1983. Administrative expenses of the Consumer Information Center in fiscal year 1983 shall not exceed \$1,382,000. For the purposes of the fund, administrative expenses shall be defined as those expenses previously paid from appropriations to the Consumer Information Center. Revenues and collections accruing to this fund during fiscal year 1983 in excess of \$6,797,000 shall remain in the fund and shall not be available for expenditure except as authorized in appropriation Acts.

(Pub. L. 98-63, title I, §101, July 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 321.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1983, and not as part of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, a part of which comprises this chapter.

§ 761a. Consumer Information Center Fund; acceptance and expenditure of gifts

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Consumer Information Center may accept and deposit to this account, during fiscal year 1997 and hereafter, gifts for the purpose of defraying its costs of printing, publishing, and distributing consumer information and educational materials and undertaking other consumer information activities; may expend those gifts for those purposes, in addition to amounts appropriated or otherwise made available; and the balance shall remain available for expenditure for such purpose.

(Pub. L. 104–204, title III, Sept. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 2916.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1997, and not as part of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, part of which comprises this chapter.

§ 762. Definitions

As used in sections 762 to 762d of this title—

- (1) The term "TDD" means a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf, a machine which employs graphic communications in the transmission of coded signals through the nationwide telecommunications system.
- (2) The term "Federal agency" has the meaning given such term by section 472(b) of this title.

(Pub. L. 100-542, §2, Oct. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 2721.)

SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of Pub. L. 100-542 provided that: "This Act [enacting this section and sections 762a to 762d of this title] may be cited as the 'Telecommunications Accessibility Enhancement Act of 1988'."

§ 762a. Federal telecommunications system requirements

(a) Accessibility of telecommunications systems

The Administrator of General Services, after consultation with the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, the Interagency Committee on Computer Support of Handicapped Employees, the Federal Communications Commission, and affected Federal agencies, shall, by regulation, take such actions in accordance with this section as may be necessary to assure that the Federal telecommunications system is fully accessible to hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals, including Federal employees, for communications with and within Federal agencies.

(b) Specific requirement

In carrying out subsection (a) of this section, the Administrator shall—

(1) provide for the continuation of the existing Federal relay system for users of TDD's;

(2) within 90 days after October 28, 1988, expand such relay system by employing at least one additional operator;

(3) within 180 days after October 28, 1988—

- (A) conduct, as part of the rulemaking proceeding required by subsection (a) of this section, an analysis of modifications to the Federal telecommunications system that the Administrator, in his discretion, determines to be necessary to achieve the objectives of subsection (a) of this section; and
- (B) submit a report on the results of such analysis to each House of the Congress;
- (4) within 180 days after completion of such analysis, prescribe the regulations required by subsection (a) of this section;
- (5) assemble, publish, and maintain a directory of TDD and other devices used by Federal agencies to comply with such regulations, and publish, in Federal agency directories, access numbers of TDD's and such other devices; and
- (6) after consultation with the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, adopt the design of a standard logo to signify the presence of a TDD or other device used by a Federal agency to comply with such regulations.

(c) Congressional oversight

The Administrator shall not prescribe the regulation required by subsection (a) of this section before the end of the 90-day period beginning on the date the Administrator submits the report required by subsection (b)(3)(B) of this section.

 $(Pub.\ L.\ 100-542,\ \S 3,\ Oct.\ 28,\ 1988,\ 102\ Stat.\ 2721.)$

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 762, 762b of this title.

§ 762b. Additional requirements

(a) Support for research

The Administrator shall, in consultation with the Federal Communications Commission, seek